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Steamer Quoddy, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Susan and Mary, via Boston.
Sch. Preceptor, via Portland.
Sch. Esperanto, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tattler, Boston.
Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, haddocking.
Sch. Annie Perry, Provincetown.
Sch. Susan and Mary, haddocking.
Sch. Colonial, halibuting.
Sch. Margaret, halibuting.
Sch. Harry A. Dickerson, New York, frozen herring.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Hope, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.
Board of trade prices:
Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
Dory handline salt cod, large \$3.25; medium, \$3.
Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Valuable Cargo.

Bowring Brothers' barque Cordelia, Capt. R. H. Taylor, finished loading at St. John's, N. F., with codfish on Saturday and sails at the first opportunity for Pernambuco. She takes 4,254 drums, 9,263 half drums, in all 13,517 packages, containing 10,155 quintals of cod, valued at over \$70,000. This is probably the largest and most valuable cargo of codfish that has ever gone out of St. John's in a sailing vessel.

Lunenburg Fish Notes.

The Mahone Bay schooner Ella Mason has been purchased by Capt. Geoffrey Publicover and others, of Dublin Shore. She was towed there last week. Capt. Publicover's son, Enos, will command the vessel next summer, handlining on Quero bank.

Large Lobster.

Daniel Stanton and his brother Eli, of Tiddville, while fishing in the Bay of Fundy a few days ago caught a lobster on their trawl with a spread of 36 inches between the claws. It girths 16 inches and weighs 10½ pounds.

With Herring Cargo.

The British sch. Athlon, from Bay of Islands, N. F., for Halifax, N. S., with salt and frozen herring, was at Lunenburg, C. B., Saturday.

Portland Fish Notes.

Monday's arrival from the shore ground was sch. Marion E. Turner with 22,000 pounds of fresh fish.

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New York Codfish Imports.

During December last, codfish to the value of \$16,610 was imported at New York. Practically all came from Canada and Newfoundland, the former sending \$11,776 worth. Fish in oil was valued at \$209,770; herring, \$90,285; mackerel \$11,410; lobsters, \$8,469; fresh fish, \$1,471; all other fish, \$80,572.

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THREE VESSELS AT BAY OF ISLANDS.

The only herring arrival at this port is the Bucksport, Me., three-masted schooner Arthur V. S. Woodruff, with a big load from Bay of Islands, about all salted stock. It has been learned that probably three American craft are still at Bay of Islands waiting for one more frost to finish up their loads. Another report states that five Nova Scotia vessels are at Fortune Bay for frozen cargoes, but that the outlook at present is not considered bright.

At Boston yesterday the British schooner Aldine arrived from Green Bay, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company. The craft also has some salt bulk and pickled stock.

The Lunenburg, N. S., schs. Earl V. S. and Arginia, with cargoes of frozen herring from Bay of Islands, N. F., were at Halifax on Monday.

Fishermen are taking herring through the ice at the Humber Arm, Bay of Islands, N. F.

The St. Jacques, N. F., correspondent of the St. John's Chronicle says:

"The return of the herring to our bay has infused new life into our people. There are five Nova Scotia vessels here for frozen cargoes, with some local and others; the price being paid now is \$2.50 per bbl. We hope soon to see things adjusted, so that the Americans may 'enter' also, for it is impossible to estimate the loss to our people to have them barred.

"Capt. Isaac Burke has just made the first haul of herring for 20 years in our harbor, his seine being moored beside the government wharf."

Only three American vessels remained at Bay of Islands when the steamer Portia came south to St. John's a few days ago. Bonne Bay people did remarkably well during the season and it is estimated received about thirty-five or forty thousand dollars for their work. All of this went to the residents, as no outside fishermen went there. The fishing at Bay of Islands was not good during the first part of the season but during the past few weeks herring have been very plentiful and all the fishermen did well.

The Portia brought from Bonne Bay and Bay of Islands to Burgeo, Rose Blanche, LaPoile and other points near about 500 barrels of herring to be used as bait in the winter codfishery. A large number of schooners and boats were met on Monday when the steamer was coming east, bound to the fishing grounds, and as the weather has been fine, it is thought that all the fishermen have done well. Cod is reported plentiful on the grounds and with fresh bait and good weather the catch should be large.

The Newfoundland sch. Swan, Adam Power master, was driven out of Middle Arm, Bay of Islands, with the ice a few nights ago, and stranded on Green Island ledge. She is leaking badly. The crew had a narrow escape but succeeded in reaching the shore safely.

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Portland Fish Notes.

It proved to be another good day for the fishermen Tuesday, for the greater part of the fleet that had been outside came in with heavy fares. Those reported were: George H. Lubee, 10,000; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Albert W. Black, 12,000; Edmund F. Black, 7000; Hockomock, 14,000; Topsail Girl, 22,000; Mineola, 8500.

Owing to the oversupply of fish in the local market at the present time large amounts are going into the Portland Cold Storage plant for freezing, nearly 50,000 pounds having been put in there this week. A good demand for frozen fish is reported from the logging camps at the eastern part of the State and heavy shipments are made every week, the fish going in barrels and coming out in almost as good condition as when first caught.

The fishing steamer Carrie and Mildred, which has been engaged in netting the past two months, operating the Atwood patent net, was tied up at Central wharf Tuesday blowing off boilers and will lay up for a while. The experiment with the nets has not been a very successful one, for while good fares have been landed, the nets were so badly damaged by sharks that there was not much money in the business.

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BRITISH HERRING CARGO AT BOSTON

Only Three Ground Fish Fares There Today.

T wharf has had only four more arrivals since yesterday morning's big report, but there is plenty of fish in sight for the dealers as many of the big trips of yesterday did not begin to take out until today. Prices hold about the same as yesterday and no improvement is looked for the rest of the week.

The feature arrival is the British sch. Aldine from Green Bay, N. F., with 200,000 pounds of frozen herring and some salt and pickled stock. The cargo is consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company of Gloucester.

Of the ground fish arrivals two are off shores, sch. Lillian and the steam trawler Spray.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Steamer Spray, 50,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 40,000 haddock, 7000 cod.
Sch. Metamora, 16,000 haddock, 2400 cod, 1000 hake.
Br. sch. Aldine, 20,000 lbs. frozen herring, 244 bbls. salt herring, 50 bbls. pickled herring.
Sch. Valentinnia, 5500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Off shore haddock, \$1 to \$1.10 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$1.60; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4; cusk, \$1.75; pollock, \$2.

New York Fish Market Situation.

The Fishing Gazette says of the salt fish situation:

"The trade in salt fish during the week was somewhat quiet, for which condition the severe snowstorm is largely blamed. Shipments were, of course, greatly interfered with. Mackerel have been selling in a hand-to-mouth way, with prices practically unchanged from last week. It is understood that the Norway shippers, who have been holding large quantities in the expectation of an improved American market, are beginning to get impatient. Strohmeier & Arpe say they expect to see some heavy arrivals in the near future.

"The herring business is good, and quotations are firm. The demand for Norways is excellent. Scotch are selling freely at former quotations.

"A foreign report says that the aggregate stock of Holland herring is only 54,500 barrels 'full-herring,' against 99,059 in 1908 and 127,700 in 1907. It is the lightest for many years.

"Scalefish of all varieties—hake, haddock and pollock—appear to be in very limited supply in New York. Indeed, it looks like a clean-up on these articles before the end of the season.

"There is an ample supply of smoked fish.

"Shipments to Porto Rico have been as large as could be expected under the existing conditions, and with two or three sailing vessels on the way at this time, it is the impression that no further advance may be looked for in that market, as the supplies will be ample for immediate requirements."

A prominent exporter says the market continues very firm; and while the demand during the week was not as active as it had been, a resumption is looked for very soon.

"It is natural," said he, "that the great advances in the prices of about all fish stuffs should tend to lessen the demand; and as it is claimed that the available supply is so limited, this result is counted on to some extent, in order to have stocks till the end of the season.

"At the same time, codfish is being supplied from a variety of sources; and if the demand should continue light for some weeks, sellers may be more anxious later on. At present there are supplies in New York not only from Nova Scotia and Gloucester, and some from Newfoundland, but also from the Pacific coast. There is considerable in transit from the latter section. Supplies out there have been reported as liberal, and the local demand has been light in comparison with their stocks. But in consequence of eastern inquiries and sales the coast situation is firmer also."

Will Engage in Haddocking.

Capt. Frank Enslo will now command sch. Esperanto in the winter haddock fishery.

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HALIFAX COLD STORAGE PLANT.

Handles Fifteen Million Pounds of Fish Annually.

An industry in Halifax, N. S., the magnitude of which people generally do not realize, and which has been steadily growing in importance since its inception, seven years ago, is that of the Halifax Cold Storage Company. Its operations have not been heralded on the housetop, but they are none the less real and tangible.

"There are few, probably none who know," said a Halifax business man "that last year the Halifax Cold Storage Company, of which Arthur Boutiller is president and manager, handled for export 15,000,000 pounds of fish. At 20,000 pounds to the car, this would represent, if shipped by rail, 750 cars—about 17 solid train loads.

"This fish finds a market all over Canada from Atlantic to Pacific and not only in Canada—large orders are shipped to the northern cities of the United States from Chicago to Seattle.

"On Saturday alone, I am told," the merchant went on to say, "orders were received for seven cars, besides small orders."

A look down the wharf and into the building and plant, where the company carry on operations showed the value of such an industry to Halifax and at the same time the profitable thing it must be to those interested in it. Over 60 men were at work in the cleaning, smoking, packing and cold storage departments and the scientific, practical and effective means of putting up the fish, transforming it into the various delicious articles of food in which it emerges from the establishment, was something well worth seeing.

The company's operations are divided into two sections. Halifax is the headquarters, the plant there finding its source of supply in the score of fishing villages on the Nova Scotia coast, and here also is one of the cold storage plants. The other plant is at Port Hawkesbury and the establishment there draws its supplies from a long coast line from Canso to Ingonish.

The company's business is highly prosperous as a financial undertaking, dividends at the rate of seven per cent., being paid on the capital of \$100,000. Mr. Boutiller says the industry is only just begun. It is capable of infinite development.

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FLAT CALM IN THE HARBOR.

Even Shore Boats Unable to Run to Fishing Grounds.

It was flat calm all night and there were no arrivals. Indeed there was so little wind that the shore boat fleet, which started out for the fishing grounds during the night was unable to fan out by the Point, many of the vessels coming to anchor between Pavilion beach and the breakwater, where they were still lying this morning, waiting for a breeze.

Yesterday afternoon, the three-masted sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff of Bucksport, Me., arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a big cargo of herring. She has 1500 barrels of salt herring in bulk, 400 barrels of pickled herring, and 100 barrels of frozen herring.

It was thought that some of the vessels at Boston yesterday might be coming down with some of their fish to split, but such is evidently not the case, as none of them had shown up this morning.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arthur V. S. Woodruff, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1500 bbls. salt herring, 400 bbls. pickled herring, 100 bbls. frozen herring.

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Steamer Quoddy, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Benjamin F. Phillips, via Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
Sch. Ralph Russell, via Boston.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
Sch. George H. Lube, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, haddocking.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.
Sch. Manomet, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb. for white, and 11c for gray.

Board of trade prices:

Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.

Dory handline salt cod, large \$3.25; medium, \$3.

Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

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BOSTON NOT FISH HUNGRY.

Few Arrivals Today But Prices Are Low.

There is nothing very stirring at T wharf this morning, arrivals are few but prices on all grades, with one exception, are low. Two off-shore vessels and four of the market fleet have 125,000 pounds altogether and the dealers are not hungry for even these few.

The off-shore vessels are schs. Mildred Robinson and Rex, with small fares. The boats have fair trips.

Off-shore haddock brought \$1.25 with shores at \$2. Shore large cod at \$4 was the only bright spot on the list. Off-shore cod went begging.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Nettle, 400 haddock, 300 cod, 700 pollock.

Sch. Stranger, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Rex, 20,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2 per cwt.; shore large cod, \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$2.

Sch. Frances Whalen Considerably Damaged.

An examination was made yesterday of sch. Frances Whalen which was damaged by fire while moored at Long wharf, Boston, early Wednesday. The deck beams are so charred that they will have to be removed. The bunks, fore-castle, sheathing and the under deck are also scorched. It will cost more than \$500 to restore the vessel to her former condition.

At Portland With Halibut.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Charles Colson, of this port, is at Portland this morning with a fine fare of 25,000 pounds of halibut, having been out but 19 days. As the halibut price is high, the craft will make a fine stock on her first trip of the new year.

Will Go Haddocking.

Capt. Freeman Mason will take sch. Muriel to Boston and fit her for winter haddocking.

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STRANGE FISH AT BOSTON.

Brought from India by Engineer of German Freight Steamer.

The strangest fish in all the world—and from the other end of the world at that—came in at Boston on the German freighter Fangturm yesterday from India. On the boat they called them dwarf fish, because they are only an inch long. But a bunch of marine reporters down at quarantining, renamed them Yankee Doodle fish, for they are red, white and blue. Some of these have blue eyes too. A lot of the others show green with various other colors. The German sailors said these were envious.

It's a fish story, but it's no laughing matter. If you don't believe it ask Engineer Batze. They number 150 and deep down in the engine room, where they saw them, they form the most extraordinary aquarium that ever crossed the seas. Some are half a dozen colors merged into one and they have things, too on the leopard. They can change their spots a thousand times a day. It is said they are the smallest "grown-up" fish on earth. Their East India name is Guranis.

Engineer Batze owns them, and if he is properly persuaded, he may part with some at Boston—that is provided the financial inducements are sufficient. He isn't particular, for he just as soon as not take them back home to the Fatherland.

BUSY DAY AT T WHARF.

Meat Boycott Causing 20 Per Cent. increase in Fish Trade.

Wednesday was the busiest Wednesday the wholesale fish dealers on T wharf, Boston, have seen in months, and the dealers themselves say it's on account of the anti-meat crusade. No less an authority than President M. F. Blanchard of the T Wharf Corporation declared that the meat strike has brought over 20 per cent. increase in business to the fish men since the beginning of the week. They were even sending fish to New York Wednesday, which means something, when it is remembered that New York gets most of its fish from the Jersey coast, ordinarily.

There was a mighty fleet of fishing vessels at the wharf ready to disgorge their cargoes to supply the tables of those who are bucking the trust. As fast as the cod, haddock, pollock and hake could be taken from the schooners and weighed it was rushed to the stores on the wharf and packed in ice in boxes and barrels and shifted to the expressman's van with bewildering speed. Most of the shipments went to the interior of New England. But a lot was billed through to the middle west, where the no-beef diet got its first adherents. And New York's far-famed Fulton Market took about all it could get.

DORY CAPSIZED.

One of the Crew of Sch. Hockomock Had Narrow Escape.

A few days ago Henry Freeman of Port Medway, N. S., one of the crew of the fishing schooner Hockomock of Portland, while engaged in fishing in the vicinity of Matinicus rock, got upset from the dory in which he was engaged in tending trawls. The dory was overturned and it was fully an hour before he was rescued. Freeman is not a swimmer, and as the dory in which he was at work was quite a distance from the schooner it was a long time before it was noticed that he was in need of assistance. The schooner put to his assistance and he was taken on board, and although thoroughly drenched he fortunately escaped serious results from his involuntary plunge in the ocean.

Large Shipment of Fertilizer.

The Anacortes American says:

"The Robinson Fisheries Company reports one of the largest shipments of fertilizer on record. Tuesday, January 11, the Watson loaded 200 tons and on Saturday last the Admiral Sampson took the remaining 200 tons of the consignment. The cargo was shipped to Los Angeles, where the fertilizer will be used in the orange groves.

"This shipment, which values about \$15,000, would fill 25 ordinary box cars, and is believed to have been the largest shipment ever made on this coast. The fertilizer, as used in California, will treat about 1500 acres of orange grove."